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CITIES CONNECTED WITH WATERWAYS
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) the cities at present in the country connected with waterways;

(b) whether all the cities of Maharashtra situated at the banks of rivers are connected with waterways so far;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) to (d) The National Transport Policy Committee had identified following ten Waterways having potential for development and declaration as National Waterways:

1. Ganga-Bhagirathi-Hooghly river system

2. The Bramhaputra

3. The West Coast Canal

4. The Sunderbans

5. The Godavari
6. The Krishna

7 The Mahanadi

8. The Narmada

9. The Mandovi, Zuari rivers and Cumberjua Canal in Goa
10. The Tapi

So far three major waterways namely the Ganga from Haldia to Allahabad (1620 km), the Brahmaputra from Sadiya to Dhubri (391 km) and the West Coast Canal from Kottapuram to Kollam including Champakara and Udyogmandal Canal (205 km) have been declared as National Waterways and are being developed by Inland Waterways Authority of India by providing infrastructural facilities, such as, navigational channel, terminals and navigational aids subject to availability of resources. The cities situated on the banks of these waterways get connected with the Waterways. No waterway has so far been declared as National Waterway in the State of Maharashtra establishing connectivity with the cities of Maharashtra situated at the banks of rivers owing to the scarcity of resources. The declaration of new waterways as national waterways would depend on availability of resources.